Deputy President.—Any abuse of the rules?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Those rules may be corrected.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—If it is a case of the abuse of the rules it is the person and not the rules that is at fault.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The rules could be modified. There is no objection on that ground. As the Member for Trichur states it is rather too early to say one way or the other so long as things are moving smoothly. If by experience, we see that the rules are working badly there is no difficulty to reconsider the matter.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—Even the governments of almost all the important places Mysore, Bombay and several other places, have not incorporated all these drastic provisions. The Secretary himself admits, this is a combination of all rules existing elsewhere. I fail to see the rationale of such inclusion of all the rules in several parts. Now with regard to the observations made by the Member for Trichur I fail to see why he was so angry. Out of fairness to the Head of the Administration, I abandoned the resolution standing in my name, item. No. 9. In my opinion the Member has mistaken my object in moving the resolution No. 12. Now if that resolutiun No. 9, tabled by me, was moved many things would have been brought to the light of the day which I really wanted to avoid. I have facts before me on my table and I thought it better not to divulge such things.

Regarding the observations made by him on resolution No. 12, what he said was no answer to the arbitrary power vested in the Registrar. It was no appropriate answer to the explanation given by me of the powers vested under the rules. It is a sort of discussion on the resolution which was unwarranted in this Council. It shows a line of thought not appropriate to the discussion before us, but a line of thought which emanated from the heart out of some deep interest which I cannot explain to this House. If I were to explain, I think it will be demeaning myself like him. So I refuse to say that.

Deputy President.—You don't want to put it to the votes.

Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.—I want only to bring this to the notice of the House. I withdraw.

The resolution was withdrawn with the leave of the House.

13. Seating arrangements in Public Offices.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—"This Council recommends to the Government to make adequate seating arrangements in all the public offices such as Registrars' Offices, Courts, etc., for all those who go there on business irrespective of their social position".

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Sir, I am going to move a very important resolution. When I said my resolution was important I hear some people laugh behind me which urges me all the more to move this resolution. I am now asking the Government to safeguard the self-respect of the ordinary people. I request the Government to make adequate seating arrangements in all public offices. Now there is no such arrangement. Take for instance, the Registrars' Offices. A bench will be placed there, one or two chairs. All those who go there for registration pay equally. You make no distinction between the various people, between the rich and the poor, in collecting the dues from them. In giving convenience to them you make distinction. Some people get chairs, some people get benches, others will have to squat on the verandah and some are not even allowed to approach the verandah. I think a reasonable man must admit that in such cases equal treatment must be meted out to all. This resolution will help to impart to our ordinary people a sense of self-respect. You are giving them education, you are giving them so many other things. If you give them a sense of their own importance, a sense of self-respect, our friends here will not have to fight for many things for which they are now making great noise here. Therefore I think the House will unanimously support this resolution. Government will have no difficulty to accept this resolution. As you have read the resolution I need not read it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I second it.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I support it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—There is no motion before the House, except in the agenda.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—It is not necessary to read it. The agenda is before you.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Sir, I have great pleasure in accepting this resolution (*Hear, hear*). I wish to bring to the notice of the House that we are already affording sufficient facilities for accommodation to the litigant public in courts, and we have a programme for constructing waiting rooms in the courts.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There was a resolution for providing waiting rooms in all courts. I do not know how far that has progressed.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have constructed waiting rooms in Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Vadakkancheri.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Are those rooms meant for vakils? It is for the litigant public, including the vakils. There is no furniture.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Waiting rooms for the litigant public have been provided in Ernakulam, Mattancheri and Vadakkancheri. Vakils' rooms have not been provided in all places. And we shall be constructing such rooms in other courts also this year.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No accommodation is ment for vakils? You don't expect to accommodate vakils ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Is there any further information wanted ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Do you propose to construct more wating rooms in every court ? There was something in the budget.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What about Trichur ? There is not even room for vakils to sit there.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Can't you divide the present waiting room by a screen because, as a matter of fact, there is absolute necessity for a place to sit. The bars are crowded and we hardly get places there. No furniture, no benches.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If that is so divided, I doubt if there will be sufficient room in the building. Chairs and benches have to be provided by the courts concerned.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—If you screen it and some of the vakils sit there they have to be given chairs.

Mr. P. Krishan Menon.—Even the whole building will not be sufficient for vakils even, so many vakils.

The resolution was accepted by Government.

(14) Acquisition of lands in Ernakulam Town.

Deputy President.—No. 14. Mr. K. J. Antony.

The following resolution, not being moved, was considered withdrawn:—

Mr. K. J. Antony.— "This Council do recommend to the Government that when demands are received from foreign capitalists for aquisition of lands within the limits of the Ernakulam Town for industrial or commericial concerns, they should be adviced to deal directly with the owners of such lands and that the Government should not in such matters interfere with private interests of the subjects of the State."

(15) Town Improvement Trust Act.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—My resolution runs thus:— "This Council recommends to the Government to pass a 'Town Improvement Trust Act' in order to facilitate and regulate the growth of towns in the State in accordance with principles of town-planning and sanitation, with provisions enabling the Government to apply the provisions of the said Act to towns or specified areas when and where deemed necessary".

I am not very confident about the nomenclature that I have suggested for the Regulation that would be passed if this resolution is accepted. I have put it down as the Town Improvement

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